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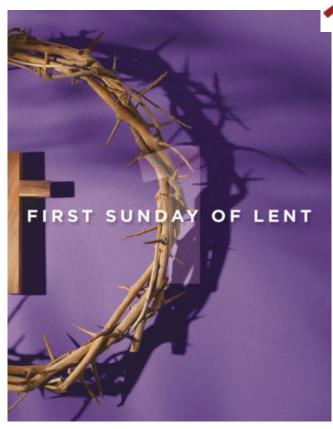
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Precious Blood Parish is a Roman Catholic community of faith in Milford, Connecticut rooted in the Word of God and the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. We are missionary disciples who seek to bring the presence and the message of Jesus Christ to others through prayer, faith formation and assisting the needy through ministries grounded in the works of mercy.

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### **SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday Vigil

4:30 pm St. Mary 5:00 pm St. Agnes

Sunday

### Saint Mary

8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am & 4:30 pm **Saint Agnes** 7:30 am & 10:30 am.

### **DAILY MASSES**

8:00 am St. Mary 9:00 am (Mon-Fri) St. Agnes

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 pm—4:30 pm St. Agnes Monday 6:00 pm—7:00 pm St. Mary (Except Holidays)

### MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Benediction and Rosary Monday @ 7:30PM St. Mary Church





### Schedule of Meetings & Parish Events

Monday, March 7	Novena Saint Mary Church	7:30 pm
Tuesday, March 8	Legion of Mary	10:30 am
	Rectory Basement	
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	Ladies Guild	7:00 pm
	(St. Mary) Fr. Cronin	i Hall
Wed, March 9	Legion of Mary	7:00 pm
	(St. Agnes) double cl	assroom
Thurs, March 10	Bereavement Group	1:00 pm
	(St. Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall	
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
	St. Mary Church	
Friday, March 11	Stations of the Cross	7:30 pm
	St Agnes Church	
Saturday, March 12	Maggie's Scrapbooki	ng 10am
	(St. Agnes) Fr. Callah	an Hall

# ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are carried forward.

For the sixth year in a row, in 2021 the Archbishop's Appeal Outreach Program provided over \$1,000,000 to over 180 local organizations in the diocese.

All funds contributed to the Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature.

https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/

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### Stations of the Cross

Join us as we follow Jesus along the way of the cross. Fridays, March 4 through April 8 at 7:30 pm at St. Agnes Church

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We are always looking to add volunteer lasagna chefs too. If interested, visit our volunteer page and to sign up:

http://www.lasagnalove.org/volunteer/



Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were baptized at St. Mary Church and St. Agnes Church during the month of February:

### Cameron Haray, Mason Anderson, Lucas Embler, Ryan Paz, Callen Keenan, Charles Hattani, Helen Maguire, and John Maguire

Our parish community loves to help your family prepare for your child's baptism! To register, simply fill out the form on our website which you can find here:

https://www.preciousbloodparishmilford.org/sacraments



# A Message from the Pastor .....

Dear Friends:

In his message to the Church for this Lenten season, Pope Francis bases his reflections on a line taken from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians, which reads as follows: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all' (Galatians 6:9-10). The use of the word "opportunity" resonates well with what we heard on Ash Wednesday in another text also from St. Paul, taken from his Second Letter to the Corinthians where he writes, "We appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For [God] says: In an acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you.' Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:1b-2). Lent is a uniquely graced time of year, an opportunity for us to turn our lives over to God, to ask the Lord to help us turn our lives toward him, an opportune time to do good.

In his reflection, Pope Francis focuses on our not growing tired of doing good, and his first point centers on not growing tired of praying. Jesus teaches us to "pray always without becoming weary" (Luke 18:1). Prayer focuses us on our need for God. If we think we do not need God, that we need nothing but ourselves, we are living a life of illusion that will end in disaster. We need God and in light of that, we need to make room for God, make time for God in our daily lives through regular, consistent and fervent prayer. Prayer is not optional for one who believes. It is, in fact, an essential lifeline, without which we will find our lives drifting, more and more filled with meaninglessness and less and less with direction and purpose. Lent is a good time for us to begin to pray if we are not in the habit of doing so, or to pray more fervently if we are. Time spent before the Blessed Sacrament is time well spent, as is the regular meditative recitation of the Rosary, as is quiet and meditative reading of the Scriptures.

The Holy Father then urges us *not to grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives.* We are all sinners, and anyone who thinks that he/she is not is either very good at rationalization or not very good at taking a long and serious look at how she/he lives. We all have "beams" in our own eyes that we tend to ignore, not see, or rationalize away. We can be self-centered, smug, self-righteous, arrogant, and condescending, and the list of sins and faults can go on at great length. It almost goes without saying that any proper Lenten observance includes a worthy celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a good confession. Interestingly, the Pope singles out our ever-increasing use (and misuse) of the digital media, which tends to impoverish human relationships. A good penance this Lent might be for us to put the cell phones down and seek to encounter others more integrally, as Pope Francis says, through "authentic encounters" face-to-face and in person.

Finally, the Holy Father urges us *not to grow tired of doing good in active charity* towards our neighbors. We are living in stressful times, emerging from a two-year pandemic and now faced with possible global conflict as well as economic hardship. The temptation is to withdraw from being charitable, to save more and more for ourselves and to give less to others. One of the "legs" of traditional Lenten observance is sharing with those in need, almsgiving. We can and should give something from our abundance (even if the abundance is not as large as it was a few months ago) to help those in need. We have local charities we can support such as the John Rigely Food Pantry, our parish twinning ministry with St. Therese Parish in Haiti (through *the Lenten Healing Tree* Initiative), as well as the Beth-El Shelter. We can also make a gift or a pledge to the 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, which is now getting underway.

Pope Francis gives us all some serious food for thought so that we can make the most of this opportune time of grace, Lent of 2022. May God bless our Lenten observance this year!

Rev. Gleant. Xmahus



# **Mass Intentions**



### St. Agnes Church

Monday, March 7 Saints Perpetua & Felicity 9:00 Lisa Benjamin by Mom and Dad Winter

Tuesday, March 8 Saint John of God 9:00 Regina Osuna Genovese by Deacon Nick & family

Wednesday, March 9 Saint Frances of Rome 9:00 *In Honor of St. Philomena by Marianne Richard* 

Thursday, March 10 Lenten Weekday 9:00 *Beatrice Stanton by her family* 

Friday, March 11 Lenten Weekday 9:00 Jose Concepcion & Remedios DelaPaz by their family

Saturday, March 12 Vigil Mass 5:00 *Michele A. Swaller by her family* 

Sunday, March 13 Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 Kevin Morrissey by Colleen, Tom, Tommy & Collin 10:30 Raphael Amaya by his wife



The Sanctuary lamp is lighted this week for Charles Bruno 3 year remembrance

### St. Mary Church

Monday, March 7 Saints Perpetua & Felcity 8:00 *Mary Conroy Rezman by Jim & Liz Keefe 12:05 George Kelly by Vogen family* 

Tuesday, March 8 Saint John of God 8:00 Thomas Mahoney Jr. by family 12:05 No intention

Wednesday, March 9 Saint Frances of Rome 8:00 Dolores Banas by Joe Banas 12:05 No intention

Thursday, March 10 Lenten Weekday 8:00 *Warren & Rev. Edwin Coyne by family* 12:05 No intention

Friday, March 11 Lenten Weekday 8:00 *Martha & Joseph Piroh by daughter Pat* 12:05 No intention

Saturday, March 12 Lenten Weekday 8:00 *Ryan Lynch Phillips by Richetelli family* 

Saturday Vigil 4:30 *Walter Scott by the family* 

Sunday, March 13
Second Sunday of Lent
8:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish* 

10:00 Harvey Pond by the family11:30 Erik Nieman by his family4:30 Cliff Moore by his family

The Sanctuary lamp is lighted this week for Robert Goralski



"Come near to God and he will come near to you." James 4:8

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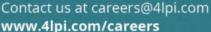
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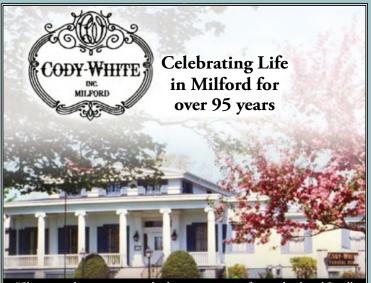
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